

**Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council**  
**General Meeting**  
**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration**  
**Room 739**  
**Minutes of February 17, 2015 Meeting**

**1. Call to Order by – Michele L. Daniels**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

**2. Minutes Approval for January 20, 2015**

Minutes of January 20, 2015 were approved

**3. Announcements**

- Rick Kenworthy – ABIP meeting on Friday, February 20, 2015 at Denny's restaurant from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Training conference March 13-14, A Helping Hands Conference for Women Veterans, March 7<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2:30 pm YWCA Santa Monica/Westside
- Jessica LeTarte – Echo Parenting & Educating, TINSOC community meeting dates: Seeking Safety Training March 6<sup>th</sup>, Annual Changing the Paradigm Conference, March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, Safety Training March 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> at United Methodist Church
- Christie Turek – AWBW, Teen Dating Violence event partner with WomenShelter of Long Beach, Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Bernita Walker – Crab Feed Fundraiser, March 14<sup>th</sup> \$45.00 donation at 6:00 pm. Entertainment will be provided
- Eve Sheedy – Request domestic violence speaker on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Ele Elementary School neighborhood watch program (please contact Eve)
- Michele Daniels – ICAN 2015 Childhood Grief and Trauma Conference on March 11<sup>th</sup> at The California Endowment Center
- Monica Martinez – Focus group for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Diane Franklin – Closure of domestic violence courts, West Covina/Citrus Court, advocacy needs to be done to keep DV courts opened

**4. Project Highlights:**

- Kelsey Williams, "One Justice" Domestic Violence Focused Project, IMPACT LA, Loyola Law School Post-Graduate Public Interest Law Fellow –probono legal clinic collaboration with Jenesse legal assistance
- Cheryl King-Cotton, House of Deliverance for Battered Women – Resource Center– will be located in the Antelope Valley area once funding is secured

**5. Speakers: Panel Presentation**

- Michael Gargiulo, Assistant Head Deputy, Family Violence Division – District Attorney's Office- Legislative New Laws: PC 136.2, SB 910, AB 1498, AB1850, AB 2089 and AB 319
- Eve Sheedy, Deputy City Attorney Counsel for Domestic Violence Policy – LA City Attorney's Office – Disorderly Conduct/Revenge Porn-Gun Violence Restraining Orders SB 1255

**6. Executive Board Report – Michele L. Daniels**

- The DVC Executive Board met on January 8, 2015
- Reviewed and re-defined the 2014 Goals for DVC
- Further reviewed 2015 Goals for DVC and speakers for DVC general meetings
- Terra Slavin resigned from DVC, LGBT Co-Chair, and the LGBT committee will make recommendation for Mieke Failey as the incoming DVC, LGBT Co-Chair
- DVC thanked Terra Slavin for all her hard work, and her 6 years of dedicated service to DVC.

**7. Committee and Task Force Reports as needed –**

Written reports submitted by Committee Co-Chairs

**Legislative Issues – Michael Gargiulo, Co-Chair**

Written report submitted

- The Legislative Committee met on February 5, 2015
- Adopted 2015 Goals as required by the DVC guidelines
- Next meeting March 5, 2015

**Committee on System's Improvement – Rachelle Neshkes, Co-Chair**

No written report submitted

- CSI will meet on February 18, 2015 to discuss 2015 Goals
- Next meeting March 12, 2015

**LGBT Issues – Giovanna Martinez, Co-Chair**

- The LGBT Committee met on January 13, 2015
- Discussed and reviewed 2015 Goals
- Nominated Mieke Failey for LGBT DVC Co, Chair
- Next meeting March 10, 2015

**Religion & DV Issues – Bernita Walker, Co-Chair**

No written report submitted

- The Committee will meet on February 24, 2015
- Discussed 2015 Committee Goals
- Discussed contacts to faith based leaders for the 2015 DV training
- Next meeting March 24, 2015

**Immigration Committee – Monica Kane, Co-Chair**

No written report submitted

- The committee met this morning, February 17, 2015
- Discussed translating pamphlet is into other languages
- Reviewed 2015 Goals
- Next meeting March 17, 2015

**Male Victims/Survivors Task Force** – *Stanley Green Co-Chair*

Written report submitted

- The Task Force will meet this afternoon, February 17, 2015
- The Task Force will discuss 2015 Goals
- Carol Crabson is putting together a survey for Male Victims/Survivors
- Next meeting March 17, 2015

**Shelter Director's Committee** – *TuLynn Smylie, Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- The committee met on January 20, 2015
- Discussed 2015 Goals
- Discussed topics to submit to DVC Executive Board for consideration for 2015 general meeting(s)
- The next meeting April 21, 2015

8. **Public Comments: Not to exceed one minute per person**  
NONE

9. **Matters not on the Posted Agenda to be presented and placed on a future Agenda**  
NONE

10. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Submitted by:

Olivia G. Rodriguez  
Executive Director  
Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council

March 17, 2015

Approved date

## **MEMBERS PRESENT February 17, 2015**

### **Public Members**

LA Mayor's Office  
LA City Attorney's Office  
West Covina Police Department  
LA County District Attorney's Office  
LA County Public Health  
LA Sheriff's Department

Ebony Cobb  
Eve Sheedy  
Diane Franklin  
Michele Daniels, M. Gargiulo  
Ellen Eidem, Adarsh Almalvez  
Suzie Ferrell

### **Private Members**

1736 Family Crisis Center  
Angel Step Inn – Alcohol & Drug Program  
Antelope Valley DVC/Valley OASIS  
Center for the Pacific Asian Family (*CALWORKS*)  
Haven House  
Jewish Family Service  
Project Peacemakers  
Rainbow Services (*CALWORKS*)  
Sojourn  
Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence  
YWCA WINGS  
WomenShelter of Long Beach  
YWCA Glendale

L. Vasquez  
Mary Davis, Martha Castillo  
Carol Crabson  
Marilyn Tyan  
Josefina Vaquera  
Marcella C., M. Marsh, Nancy Volpert  
Bernita Walker  
Ben Schirmer  
Pat Butler  
Vicki Doolittle  
Ana Interiano  
Giovanna Martinez  
Melody Osuna & Talin M.

### **CalWorks**

Amanecer  
Domestic Abuse Center  
East Los Angeles Women's Center  
Helpline Youth Counseling  
Human Services Association  
Institute of Muticultural Ed. & Couns.  
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles  
Office of Samoan Affairs  
Prototypes  
San Fernando Valley CMHC  
Child Alliance  
Santa Anita Family Service  
Bienvenidos  
Community Legal Services

Elizabeth Sanchez  
Gail Pincus  
Debbie Suaste  
Josephine Price, Vanessa Blaxland  
Silvana Ortega  
Ardalan Zamani  
Mercedes Alanis  
Odette Papandan  
Amanda Jancu, Elisa Buchanan  
Giselle Hulbert  
Lucita Gil  
Clara Riddle & Stephanie Termoto  
Mary Cabrera  
Rachelle M. Neshkes

### **Guests Present**

ABIP	Rick Kenworthy
Asian Pacific Women Center	Beth T.
ECHO Parenting & Education Center	Jessica LeTarte
A Window Between Worlds	Christy Turek & Janice Yong
Association of Batterers Intervention Program (ABIP)	Rick Kenworthy
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	Faith Santoso
Good Shepherd Shelter	A. Quinones, Stefau S., A. Gibson
Children's Institute, Inc.	Debbie Ramirez, Evelyn Castillo
LA County DA's Office Witness Assist. Program	Shari Farmer
Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center	Mieko Failey
NISWA Association, Inc.	Amila Orucevic
House of Deliverance for Battered Women	Cheryl King Cotton
Men's Health Network	Stanley Green
One Justice /Impact L.A.	Kelsey Williams
South Asian Helpline & Referral	Neeta Dayan
First to Serve	Sylvia Thomas, Alton H.
National Coalition For Men	Fred Sottile
Joyful Heart Foundation	Monica Martinez & Blanca Quintana
SAHARA South Asian Helping & Referral Agency	Dora Jacildo
LA County Community Development	Teresa Zavala
Parents in Partnership	Vivian Ayala, Kim M., L. Martinez
Southern California Seminary	Samuel Lee
Joe Torre Safe at Home	Sally Lokey
Harriett Buhai	Karina E.
Pacific Oaks	Bonita Thomas, Felicia H.

### **ABSENT MEMBERS**

#### **Public Members**

Attorney General's Office	LA County Public Defender's
Department of Children & Family	Superior Court Family Court Svs.
LA Police Department (LAPD)	Commission on the Status of Wm
L.A. County Commission for Women	Attorney General's Office
California Department of Corrections	Department of Health Services
Department of Mental Health	LA County Probation Department
Department of Public Social Services	

#### **Private Voting Members**

Interval House (CALWORK)	Women & Children's Crisis Shelter
Haven Hills	Jenesse Center (CALWORK)
Santa Clarita Domestic Violence Center	House of Ruth (CALWORK)
Chicana Service Action Center, Inc.	

#### **CalWorks**

NCADD Long Beach Women To Women	Foothill Family Service
Neighborhood Legal Serv. of LA County	LA Center for Law & Justice